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In the Application of ) Examiner: M. Chambers  
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Title: AN APPARATUS FOR VISUALLY )  
CHECKING THE OPERATION STATUS) )  
OF A STOP VALVE, AND A MANUAL )  
OPENING APPARATUS FOR A )  
NORMALLY-CLOSED VALVE )  
Serial No.: 09/815,735 ) ) (Our Docket No.: 4415-15)  
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RESPONSE

Dear SIR:

The following is a Response to the Office Action of March 17, 2003 in the above-identified patent application. Remarks directed to the Office Action are provided in the attached sheets.